



# Montgomery County Council

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## **Montgomery County Council Seeks Applicants for 2 Task Forces on the County Procurement Process**

*Deadline for Applications Is Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 5 p.m.*

ROCKVILLE, Md., October 28, 2014—The Montgomery County Council is seeking applicants for positions on two recently established task forces to study potential reforms of the County procurement system.

The task forces the Council established are the:

- Minority Owned and Local Small Business Task Force
- Procurement Policies and Regulations Task Force

Applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 3. **Persons interested in applying should indicate the task force on which they are interested in serving or whether they would be willing to serve on either one.**

Each task force will consist of nine members (at least seven on each must be County residents) appointed by the Council. The Council will designate one member of each group as its respective chair. The task forces must solicit suggestions for potential reforms of the County procurement system from elected officials, County residents, business and community leaders, County and agency employees, and other stakeholders.

The task forces must submit final reports to the County Council by Sept. 15, 2015.

The Minority Owned and Local Small Business Task Force was established to provide options for reform of the County programs for minority owned businesses

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and local, small businesses to ensure that the procurement process is open to all vendors without regard to race, gender, national origin, disability or size of organization. The County's Minority/Female/Disabled (MFD) and Local Small Business Reserve programs are designed to eliminate the effects of discrimination in the marketplace on the award of County procurement contracts.

The Procurement Policies and Regulations Task Force was established to provide options for the reform of the County procurement system. Simplifying the procurement process would increase the number of vendors who seek to do business with the County, resulting in better value and lower prices.

The task forces will be composed of members who are experienced in government, business or non-profit service delivery, or who otherwise have experience and expertise in government contracting. A person appointed to the task forces must not be employed by County government or any County-funded agency.

Letters of application expressing interest, including a resume listing professional and civic experience, should be addressed to: Council President Craig Rice, County Council Office, Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Applications can also be submitted via email to [county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov)

Applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 3. Letters of application and resumes are made public as part of the appointment process and are available for public review. After the closing date, the Council will review the applications and resumes for designation to the task forces. The Council anticipates making the appointments by Jan. 20.

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